

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Nicholas J. Hammond)	
)	Art Unit No.: 2131
Application No.: 09/592,404)	
)	Examiner: Christian A.
)	LaForgia
Filed: June 13, 2000)	
)	Docket No.: 05456.105045
Title: Method and System for Auditing)	
Network Security)	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The documents identified on the accompanying Forms PTO-SB/08A and SB/08B, "List Of Information Disclosed By Applicant" are cited pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98.

In the Office Action mailed March 3, 2006 and in the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" mailed July 26, 2006, the Examiner requested, in connection with the Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") on July 21, 2005, that Applicant specifically explain or point out the relevant sections of each document listed on the IDS.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically transmitted to: Mail Stop AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 14, 2007.

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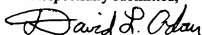
IBM (who acquired Internet Security Systems, Inc., the owner of the subject patent application) submits this Supplemental IDS as a good faith effort to be as responsive as possible to the Examiner's requests. IBM hired a professional patentability searcher (independent contractor) to review the large number of documents cited in the IDS mailed on July 21, 2005. The searcher was asked to identify in this review a much smaller number of these documents deemed most pertinent by the searcher to the currently pending claims of the present patent application. The documents identified by the searcher through this review are listed on the accompanying Forms PTO-SB/08A and SB/08B, including the searcher's identification of pertinent page numbers within those documents. The documents listed in the July 21, 2005 IDS but not listed in the Supplemental IDS were considered by the searcher to not be relevant to or to be less relevant to the current claims than the documents identified in the Supplemental IDS.

Copies of the documents identified on the accompanying Forms PTO-SB/08A and SB/08B were provided with the much lengthier IDS submitted July 21, 2005. However, to further assist the Examiner, additional copies of the documents identified on the accompanying Forms PTO-SB/08A and SB/08B are enclosed. With respect to the very large manuals identified on the accompanying Forms PTO-SB/08B, Applicant is submitting only an excerpt of the document that includes the pertinent page numbers identified by the searcher. If the entire manual is needed, it was submitted with the original IDS mailed on July 21, 2005.

Applicant has not studied, or otherwise analyzed, the documents identified by the searcher or compared the relevance of those documents to the other documents cited in the previously filed IDS. Applicant makes no representations, and gives no assurances, regarding the completeness, or accuracy of the review and identification of documents conducted by the searcher or that none of the other documents cited in the previously filed IDS are more pertinent to the claimed invention than the documents identified by the searcher. Applicant requests that the Examiner independently, fully consider all of the documents cited on the accompanying Forms PTO-SB/08A and SB/08B and initial and return the Forms to show the documents were considered by the Examiner. Of course, the Examiner is welcome and encouraged to consider any of the other documents cited in the previously filed IDS as well.

The submission of this Supplemental IDS does not constitute an admission that any of the documents cited in the Supplemental IDS is statutory "prior art" or otherwise has priority relative to Applicant's claimed invention nor does submission of this Supplemental IDS constitute a waiver of any right Applicant may have under applicable statutes, rules of practice in patent cases, or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Adour". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent part.

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